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Among the drugs produced by this laboratory are such urgently needed products as calcium glyconate, sodium salicylate for the treatment of rheumatism, etc. The laboratory produced enough of these items to meet the needs of all medical institutions in Albania.

The Pharmaceutical Laboratory has begun to produce drugs from medicinal plants grown in Albania. During the first half of 1950 it produced seven kinds of drugs from these plants.

MORE MEDICINAL PLANTS PURCHASED -- Tirana, Bashkimi, 30 Aug 50

This year's crop purchase of medicinal plants was much better than last year's, and the crop-purchase plan for many plants was met 100 percent. This will permit the government to fulfill the obligations it contracted for the export of medicinal plants, and will also meet the requirements of the Albanian pharmaceutical industry.

The quality of the plants appears to be better than last year.

ALBANIA PRODUCES OWN MATCHES -- Berlin, Chemische Industrie, No 4, Apr 50

A match factory established in Tirana at the beginning of 1950 is said to have a daily output of 20,000 boxes. The chemical raw materials are furnished by the USSR.

The opening of the factory marks Albania's attempt to produce matches.

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